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Dear Sir:

I am planning a panel dealing with "Soviet Muslims and Their Middle Eastern Neighbors" for the Western Slavic Conference to be held here in Honolulu during March 18-21, 1982. There will be three papers presented, entitled respectively: "The evolution of national identity in Soviet Central Asia," "Economic development and general well being in Soviet Central Asia," and "Soviet Muslims and Soviet interests in the Middle East."

My request is that some person from the Agency join the panel discussion as a commentator, a difficult role which I think can best be handled by a person who has the continuous exposure to this vital and complex field that a person in your office would have. After discussing the matter with Mr. [REDACTED] in the Honolulu office, I am acting on his suggestion of writing to you and inviting you to extend my invitation to some person in this field. While the Western Slavic Conference, like the country-wide conference, is primarily of domestic interest, it is ordinarily attended by Canadians, especially from the Western provinces, while some Russians are expected at this particular conference, and it is, of course, open to any other foreigners who may wish to come.

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Sincerely yours,

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